

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

12:00 PM, CESC

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Samuel Nixon	Stanford Hovey
	Christopher Knights	Trent Park for VEDP Chairman
	Constance Brennan	Page Cockrell
	Charles Donato	David Johnson
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Senator Mark Obenshain	Delegate Richard Anderson
	Delegate Beverly Sherwood	Supervisor John Jenkins
	Senator John Watkins	Murali Rao for VDOT Commissioner
	Delegate David Englin	James Wilson
	Richard Pevarski	
	Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter	
STAFF PRESENT:	Dan Widner, Coordinator	Terry Mayo, Board Assistant
	John Scrivani	Stefanie McGuffin
	Jerry Simonoff, ESG Director	Steve Marzolf
	Dorothy Spears-Dean	Wendy Stout
	John Owens	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Samuel Nixon, Jr., acting as Chairman in Senator Watkins absence, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Mr. Nixon addressed the Board and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Nixon asked Terry Mayo, Board Administrative Assistant to do a roll call of Board Members. There were six present (Mr. Donato and Mr. Johnson had not arrived). Due to a lack of quorum, the approval of previous meeting minutes was postponed.

2. 2011 VBMP ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY WRAP UP

Mr. John Scrivani addressed the Advisory Board and said that he wanted to give the Advisory Board an update of the VBMP Accomplishments for 2011. (Please see

PowerPoint presentation). Mr. Scrivani said that total Cost in upgrades were \$2,005,608 (67% VGIN, 20% local – 13% NGA). Mr. Christopher Knights asked for a background on the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) funding to VGIN. Mr. Scrivani provided that information saying that NGA is interested, for homeland security purposes, in obtaining current imagery through the VBMP contract for the three large urban areas of Virginia: Northern Virginia, Richmond and Tidewater. Mr. Marzolf commented that the level of federal funding for homeland security grants in general has been decreasing over the past years. Mr. Stanford Hovey asked about the three inch resolution imagery, wanting to know if schools can request some of this imagery resolution for educational purposes. Mr. Widner said yes, sample images can be provided.

Mr. Scrivani gave an update on the VBMP imagery web services to the Advisory Board. He said that the most recent imagery 2009/2011 has been made freely available. He also said that the imagery is being shared with Google and ESRI.

Mr. Widner addressed the Board and said that the four year contract for the VBMP Orthophotography has been extended through the end of 2012 and now VGIN is in the process of developing a RFP for 2013-2016. Mr. Widner said that in 2013 the eastern half of the state will be flown, and in 2015 the Western half will again be flown. Mr. Widner said the contract will continue with the one-foot resolution base product and the four-band digital. Pricing for optional resolution upgrades to six inch and the three inch orthos will be offered, as well as planimetrics, contours, building footprints and LiDAR. Mr. Widner also said the new contract will have stricter delivery schedules. Mr. Nixon asked for questions, and there were none.

Mr. Scrivani addressed the Board again and discussed the LiDAR projects. Mr. Scrivani said thus far the cost of the Virginia LiDAR acquisition has been 96% Federal, 1% State, 1% local and 2% other. The investment thus far is \$3,485,075 with 10,853 square miles. Mr. Stanford Hovey wanted to know who VGIN was using as the contractor, and Mr. Scrivani commented that Sanborn and Dewberry have done most of the work. Mr. Scrivani also said that the FEMA data is the largest dataset that came in and was done in the fall. Mr. Scrivani stated that LiDAR training is being scheduled for May 4th at James Madison University as a part of the Shenandoah Valley GIS User Group. VGIN, JMU, USGS, Dewberry, and GeoCue will be doing presentations and lab exercises. Ms. Brennan asked about opening the training to others, and Mr. Scrivani said yes it will be opened once the user group participants have a chance to register.

3. GIS BASELINE SURVEY

Stefanie McGuffin addressed the Board and gave a summary of the Locality GIS Baseline Survey. Ms. McGuffin said that until this effort, there was no state-wide collection of information regarding GIS capabilities and services being offered at the local level. For the survey, an online survey tool was used. A large portion of the Commonwealth responded to the survey. Christopher Knights had a question about accessing the survey results, and if Ms. McGuffin was surprised with the results. Ms. McGuffin said that she was not so surprised. Mr. Widner directed the audience and Board members to go to the ISP website to view the complete survey at <http://www.vita.virginia.gov/isp/default.aspx?id=12096> Mr. Johnson with the Department of Conservation and Recreation asked if the survey responses were from outside contractors or in-house staff. Ms. McGuffin said that most were in-house. Mr. Nixon asked if there are strategic plan templates that can be provided to those localities that do not have strategic plans. Ms. McGuffin said that VGIN is looking into it. Mr. Steve Marzolf said that this is where VGIN can potentially jump in and offer guidance for those localities that think this an enormous task and do not have staff resources. Constance Brennan commented that one way of getting this kind of information out to localities is to reach out to the Board of Supervisors through the VACO annual conference.

4. INFORMATION SHARING STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Widner addressed the board and said that Chris McIntosh, State Interoperability Coordinator, will speak with the Advisory Board on "Information Sharing Strategic Planning." Mr. McIntosh addressed the Board and said that the work of this group and the homeland security is important. Mr. Trent Park asked that Mr. McIntosh describe what he meant by the term "layers". Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. McIntosh was aware of DCR's Dam Safety program. Ms. Brennan asked if this effort involved Virginia's surrounding states, and Mr. McIntosh said yes, that it had national implications.

5. KING'S GRANTS

Delegate Scott Lingamfelter was unable to address the Advisory Board, so this

presentation was tabled until sometime in the future.

6. APRIL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Widner addressed the Advisory Board, and said that he wanted to go over a few of the items in the Coordinators' Report.

Mr. Widner informed the Board that Wendy Stout was hired in January to the VGIN staff as the Orthophotography Program Manager. Mr. Widner also said that another broadband mapping contractor (Jared Dunbar) was hired. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board that the date of the Annual GIS User's Conference will be September 10, 2012 at the Charlottesville Omni Hotel. It will be a one-day Conference. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board that Mr. Tim Addington, VITA Regional Coordinator, has helped establish two new GIS Users Group in Southwest Virginia. Mr. Nixon asked for questions, and there were none.

7. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Mr. Samuel Nixon asked for new business, and there were none.

Mr. Nixon adjourned the meeting at 2:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

Terry D. Mayo

Date: April 23, 2012